



Preliminary Assessment Report

Project 3019797, 308 N 90TH ST

Assessment Completed: 2/20/2015

Project Description: EDG/SEPA - Construct 18,990 sq ft, 4-story residential building with 30 units. REVISED FROM: Demolish existing SFR and construct 4 story 30 unit apartment building

Primary Applicant: [Mike Perry](#)

This report lists the results of a preliminary assessment of your project requirements by various city departments. It's based on the project characteristics described on your site plan and preliminary application form. If your project required a pre-application site visit (PASV), the results of that site visit are also included. The goal of this report is to help you create a complete submittal package and reduce the need for corrections once your application has been submitted.

Next Steps

1. Review the requirements in this report and contact the staff members listed below with questions.
2. If a street improvement plan is required, develop and submit it to the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). **The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) will not accept your permit application until your street improvement plan is approved as 60% complete by SDOT. See [SDOT Client Assistance Memo 2213](#) for guidance about the 60% complete approval process.**
3. Schedule an appointment for permit application intake with DPD. **Please bring a copy of this report to your intake appointment.**

Questions About This Report

If you have questions about the information in this report, contact the appropriate city staff member for each section.

DPD Drainage Requirements

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DPD Land Use Requirements

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Seattle Public Utilities Requirements

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Water Availability

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Other Resources

- General questions about the permit process: Contact the DPD Applicant Services Center (ASC) at 206-684-8850.
- User-friendly guides to city permitting processes: [DPD](#) and [SDOT](#).
- [Detailed zoning information](#).
- Visit our [permit type pages](#) for step-by-step instructions and forms for preparing your application and plans for review.

Requirements

DPD Drainage Requirements

The following requirements are based on the current stormwater and side sewer codes.

Existing Public Drainage Infrastructure

Sanitary sewer main location: Greenwood Ave. N.

Sanitary sewer main size: 8"

Storm drainage main location: N 90th St. at intersection w/ Greenwood Ave. N.

Storm drainage main size: 18"

Drainage

The drainage point of discharge (SMC 22.805.020) is located at: Public storm drain system.

Unless an adjustment per subsection 22.800.040.B or an exception per subsection 22.800.040.C is approved by the Director, an owner or occupant who is required, or who wishes, to connect to a public drainage system shall be required to extend the public drainage system if a public drainage system is not accessible within an abutting public area across the full frontage of the property.

This mainline extension is eligible to enter into a Latecomer Agreement. Latecomer agreements allow a property owner who has installed water or sewer utility system improvements to recover a portion of the costs of those improvements from other property owners who later connect to the improvements. For more information, please visit our website at http://www.seattle.gov/util/Engineering/Consulting_Resources/LatecomerAgreements/index.htm or call SPU's Development Services Office at 206-684-3333.

Flow Control Compliance

All new, replaced, and disturbed topsoil shall be amended with organic matter per rules promulgated by the Director prior to completion of the project to improve onsite management of drainage water flow and water quality per SMC 22.805.020.E. A completed [Construction Stormwater Control and Soil Amendment Standard Plan](#) is required.

Parcel-based projects with 7,000 square feet or more of land disturbing activity or 2,000 square feet or more of new plus replaced impervious surface must implement green stormwater infrastructure (bioretention cells, green roofs, permeable pavement, rainwater harvesting, etc.) to infiltrate, disperse, and retain drainage water onsite to the maximum extent feasible per SMC 22.805.020.F. and [Director's Rule 15-2012](#).

Flow control standards must be first met by utilizing green stormwater infrastructure to the maximum extent feasible. Additional flow control measures shall be installed if the flow control standard cannot be met solely using green stormwater infrastructure. Refer to [DR 17-2009](#). Submit a [Green Stormwater Requirement Calculator](#) along with additional flow control documentation.

For more information see: <http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/codesrules/codes/stormwater/default.htm>

This project site discharges to a Non-listed Creek Basin (SMC 805.050.A.3) and shall provide flow control meeting the Pre-developed Pasture Standard per [SMC 22.805.080.B.3](#).

Projects with less than 10,000 sf new plus replaced impervious surface can use the [Pre-Sized Flow Control Calculator](#) in lieu of continuous modeling.

Water Quality

No requirements

Wastewater

An extension of the public sanitary sewer is required (SMC 21.16.260).

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All homeowners and building owners in King County's service area whose home or building was newly connected to the King County sewer system on or after Feb. 1, 1990 must pay a [King County Capacity Charge](#).

Permanent and Temporary Dewatering

The footing drain (if part of building plan) point of discharge ([DPD DR 4-2011](#)) is located at the following: Public storm drain system.

DPD Land Use Code Requirements

Street Requirements

Based on the scope of the proposed project, the following street improvements are required per Chapter 23.53 of the Seattle Municipal Code. Please review Right-of-Way Improvements Manual for design criteria (<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/rowmanual/manual/>). Show required street improvements on your "enhanced site plan" at DPD permit application intake. If an SDOT Street Improvement Plan (SIP) is required, please list SDOT project number and SDOT contact name on the enhanced site plan. Street Improvement Plans must be accepted by SDOT prior to DPD permit application intake.

N 90TH ST

Curbs will be required to be installed in the portion of right-of-way abutting this lot.

A concrete sidewalk will be required to be installed in the portion of right-of-way abutting this lot.

Drainage may be required to be installed in the portion of right-of-way abutting this lot. Please contact SDOT for more information.

Street trees shall be provided in the planting strip according to Seattle Department of Transportation Tree Planting Standards. Contact SDOT Urban Forestry (for residential projects: (206) 684-TREE; for all others: (206) 684-5693), to determine species of tree and standards of planting. Please add a note to the site plan showing size, location and species of tree to be planted.
<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/treeplanting.htm>.

Any planting proposed within the ROW must be reviewed and approved by DPD and SDOT.

A 6 inches foot dedication is required. Refer to CAM 2203. Please label on Site Plan.

Alley Requirements

ALLEY EAST OF SITE

Pave the width of the alley abutting the lot and the portion of alley between the lot and the connecting street. The Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_docs.htm) contains design details.

Land Use

Based on the project scope and/or location of environmentally critical areas on the development site, SEPA may be required. See CAM 208 for more details.

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Design Review is required; see CAM 238 for more details. Departures from development standards should be identified as early as possible in the application process.

Preliminary screening of your project has been completed and it appears that your proposal is located in an environmentally critical area (ECA) which may require an ECA review and SEPA. For additional information about ECAs and SEPA, visit the DPD website (<http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Codes/>).

Based on the preliminary scope, the project may qualify for a specific exemption under the Environmentally Critical Areas Ordinance. Application and decision on the exemption must be made before submittal of a application. See CAM 327 for more details.

Alley access may be required

Other Requirements: Site is mapped as 40 percent steep slope environmentally critical area. Application may be submitted for alley improvement exemption per TIP 205 per SMC Section 23.53.030G1.

Other Requirements

A presubmittal conference is required before to submitting an application. Details for preparing and submitting a presubmittal request form can be found at our Web site (http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Publications/Forms/Building_Permit/default.asp).

Pre-Application Site Visit (PASV) Requirements

PASV report requirements may be subject to additions, changes, or modifications by the department. The purpose of the report is to alert the applicant that there may be unusual or complex site conditions that trigger requirements from the department regarding this project. **The applicant is responsible for providing all required documents at the intake appointment.** If you have questions about this report or the PASV process, please contact the DPD Site Development Team at (206) 684-8860.

Note: Any project application associated with the development site can utilize the results from this PASV if the application is accepted by DPD within 24 months of the above inspection date. After 24 months, the applicant must apply for another PASV. No extensions will be granted.

ECA Mapping Unit and Type

This project site appears to include the following ECAs and/or buffers:
Steep slope

Earth Disturbance

If excavation has the potential to encroach on adjacent property in order to facilitate construction activity, please provide documentation of consent from the adjacent property owner. Show area of proposed encroachment on the submitted drawings and detailed cross-sections.

If temporary cuts greater than 1h:1v will be required in order to facilitate construction activity, please provide a geotechnical engineer's verification that soil conditions allow cuts to stand unsupported. Include detailed cross sections.

Please show all existing and proposed retaining walls/rockeries and the exposed height.

If shoring will be required, please provide submittals by geotechnical and structural engineers and show the proposed system on the submitted drawings. Include detailed cross sections.

Existing ROW Conditions N 90TH ST

Street conditions:

Visible pavement width is: 27LF

Curb conditions:

No curb adjacent to site

Approximate curb height: Edge of asphalt street is raised to create gutterline runoff will drain to CB inches

A storm inlet is located <350 ft from the site and prior to crossing a public right of way.

It appears that drainage from that discharge point will remain in the gutter line all the way to the nearest inlet structure, but this assessment is preliminary and it is the responsibility of the applicant to meet all relevant SW code requirements.

ALLEY EAST OF SITE

Unopened

Potential Impacts to Seattle Parks Property

No parks property in vicinity

Tree Protection

Trees greater than 6 inches in diameter as measured 4.5 ft above ground are present on the site but not shown on the site plan. Show the dripline of

- 1) **all** trees on the site,
- 2) adjacent trees that encroach on the site that are greater than 6 inches in diameter as measured 4.5 ft above ground, and
- 3) **all** trees located in the adjacent ROW.

Include common and scientific names for all trees shown. For more information, see [Director's Rule 16-2008](#) and [Tip 242](#).

Construction Stormwater Control

All projects with earth disturbance, regardless of size, require temporary and permanent stormwater control in accordance with the Construction Stormwater Control (CSC) Technical Requirements Manual ([DR 16-2009, Volume 2](#)).

Show the following on the [Construction Stormwater Control and Soil Amendment Standard Plan](#):

Place filter fabric, straw bales, straw wattles, or other approved equal to control construction stormwater runoff. Required along the following property lines:

Place compost socks, compost berms, filter fabric fencing, straw bales, straw wattles, or other approved perimeter control BMPs to eliminate construction stormwater runoff.

Show the location of a stabilized construction access to the site; show methods to eliminate uncontrolled conveyance of mud and dirt into the right of way (ROW).

Cover bare soil with compost blankets, straw, mulch, matting, or other approved equal to control construction stormwater runoff.

Cover stockpiles and bare slopes with compost blankets, tarps, matting or other approved equal to control construction stormwater runoff.

A First Ground Disturbance inspection is required before any ground disturbance related to this permit, including demolition, tree cutting, clearing, grubbing, and grading. After your permit is issued, schedule an inspection by calling (206) 684-8900 or [online](http://web1.seattle.gov/DPD/InspectionRequest/default.aspx) at <http://web1.seattle.gov/DPD/InspectionRequest/default.aspx>.

Small Project Waivers (See CAM 327B)

Small project waivers may be applicable for new accessory structures or additions to buildings on lots in existence on or before October 31, 1992 (see SMC25.09.055). Rockeries and retaining walls do not qualify for small project waivers. Applicability of small project waiver must be evaluated and approved at the time of intake.

Cumulative development area is less than or equal to the following:

Steep slope areas/steep slope buffers: Development area less than 300 square feet

In all cases, show construction safety fencing separating the ECA and/or its buffer from the development area.

Standard Submittal Requirements for Projects in an ECA

Submit a geotechnical report with the permit intake submittal package. Geotechnical report must be signed and stamped by a geotechnical engineer licensed in the State of Washington per [SMC 22.170.070](#), [SMC 25.09](#), and [Directors Rule \(DR\) 18-2011](#).

Provide a topographic survey with 2-foot contours on and within 25-feet of the property, stamped by a licensed land surveyor (see [25.09.330A](#))

Delineate the clearing limits on the site plan

Provide a vegetation restoration plan per SMC [25.09.320](#), [Tip 331](#) and [Tip 331A](#). **Prior to any vegetation removal in the critical area, review, approval, and a preconstruction meeting is required**

Delineate the steep slope critical area on a site plan based on the survey (per SMC 25.09.020 A3b(5)).

Provide area calculations for the steep slope delineation.

Show the steep slope buffer. Generally, the buffer is 15-feet from the top and/or toe of the slope

Construction activity area appears to be within the steep slope critical area and/or its associated buffer. A steep slope variance may be required (see SMC 25.09.180E.1)

An ECA pre-submittal conference is strongly recommended. Call the Applicant Services Center (206-684-8850) to schedule an appointment

Seattle City Light Requirements

**Street/Alley Requirements
N 90TH ST**

Clearance from Structures: 10-ft horizontal clearance is required between power lines and any part of the permanent structure. Vertically, 12.5 to 13.5 feet is required depending on access to pedestrians. Additional clearance is highly recommended to account for future building maintenance. Review DPD TIP 122, Electric Utility Clearance Requirements, and SCL Construction Guideline D2-3 (<http://www.seattle.gov/Light/engstd/Docs/ConStd/d23.pdf>). Transmission lines require greater clearance. Changes to SCL's system to meet clearances are done at the project's expense. There are overhead high voltage lines, including 115kV transmission, along N 90th St.

Working Clearance: State law requires construction workers, their tools, machinery, equipment, and materials to maintain a 10-foot clearance from power lines. Review WAC 296-24-960 and OSHA 1910.333(c)(3)(i). Transmission lines require greater clearance. To work near power lines, notify SCL well in advance to de-energize and ground the lines, or relocate the lines temporarily. This SCL work is done at the project's expense. There are overhead high voltage lines, including 115kV transmission, along N 90th St.

An SCL engineer will require scaled building elevation drawings to determine clearances. Please submit an extra set of plans at DPD intake.

Based on our assessment of the size of your project, you may need transformers on your private property for power service to your building. This can be done with vaults inside the building, below-grade vaults, or above-grade pads exterior to the building. Include these facilities for your project power needs in your building plans. SCL has access, clearance, size and location requirements for vaults. Some transformers require long lead times to obtain. Contact SCL well in advance to provide electrical service size and voltage details.

Conservation

Built Smart Programs - SCL offers developers of 5+ unit multifamily buildings incentives for installation of energy efficiency measures. From insulation and windows to lighting and appliances, take advantage of new technologies and construct a more efficient building with our help. For more information: contact Beth Rocha at (206)684-5945 or beth.rocha@seattle.gov.

Notes to Applicant

For new service, please contact the Electrical Service Representative for your area several months before new service is required to determine your electric service design, service location and what kind of service is available at the building site. An Application for Electrical Service must be submitted to Seattle City Light. The Electrical Service Representative should also be contacted to coordinate electrical disconnections prior to demolition and temporary power for construction. Your Electrical Service Representative is: Karen Quaife, 206-684-4983, karen.quaife@seattle.gov. Be advised that it is the applicant's responsibility to seek guidance from SCL. Failure to contact SCL early in the permit process could severely impact your project's scope, schedule and budget. This responsibility rests solely with the applicant.

SDOT Requirements

The City of Seattle's Right-of-Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and SDOT's Street & Sidewalk Pavement Opening and Restoration (PORR) Director's Rule 2004-02 may be accessed from SDOT's Street Use website at: http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_docs.htm. Whenever possible, specific reference notation for these two design documents is noted next to the design characteristics below. Be advised that these specific section and chapter references are provided as preliminary guidance only and are not comprehensive in scope.

SDOT Permitting Information

Initial Review Deposit: \$2,500

SDOT Plan Requirements: Engineered plan

SDOT Permit Requirements: Group 3: Street Use Major (Type 45). A 60% complete street improvement plan (SIP) must be approved by SDOT prior to your DPD construction intake appointment. SIP Design Guidance is required for 60% complete SIP approval; apply early. Please visit SDOT's Street Use website at: http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_sip.htm to obtain SDOT Client Assistance Memos (CAMs) and application materials to assist in developing your street improvement plan (SIP).

All private encroachments in the public right-of-way (ROW) require a 30-day permit that is renewed annually.

Street Improvement Requirements N 90TH ST

Tree planting. See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and City of Seattle Standard Plans 030, 100 and 424. Contact SDOT Urban Forestry for residential projects at (206) 684-TREE; for all others at (206) 684-5693 for approval of species and placement.

Roadway Widening: See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and the City's Standard Plans and Specifications.

All improvements on private property must accommodate the right of way elevation at the property line using the standard cross-section in the ROWIM. Right of way grading may be required to provide vehicular and pedestrian access that meets the standard cross-section.

New/replacement sidewalk: See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) as well as the City of Seattle Standard Plan 420, 421 and 422.

New/Replacement Curb: See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and the City of Seattle Standard Plan 410.

Street drainage collection may be required when street improvements are installed. See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) section 4.17.

Alley Requirements

ALLEY EAST OF SITE

Alley Grading: Standard alley cross section at established grade for portion of alley being improved. See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) chapter 4. Apply for SDOT SIP Design Guidance. See SDOT CAM 2211.

Alley Drainage: Required for portion of alley being improved. A drainage review is required for any project which involves more than 750 sq ft of land disturbing activity in the public right-of-way. See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) section 4.17.

Access via unopened/unimproved/unpaved alley. Grading, drainage and paving may be required. See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) for improvement requirements.

Discretionary ROW Improvements

Utilities such as poles, utility vaults, and fire hydrants may need to be relocated to accommodate your required street improvements. See Right of Way Improvement Manual (ROWIM) section 4.20 for clearance requirements.

Other requirements: Public PSS, PSD and perhaps Water Main line (TBD) extensions..

SPU Requirements

Flow Control Compliance

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Roadway projects with 7,000 square feet or more of land disturbing activity or 2,000 square feet or more of new plus replaced impervious surface must implement green stormwater infrastructure to infiltrate, disperse, and retain drainage water onsite to the maximum extent feasible without causing flooding, landslide, or erosion impacts per SMC 22.805.020.F. Refer to DR GSI to MEF and DR Vol.3.

Stormwater Treatment

No requirements

Water Availability

Your water availability assessment is in progress. If the assessment results in water system improvements, you will be required to follow SDOT's Street Improvement Permit Process (see [CAM 2211](#) and [CAM 2213](#)).

Water Availability Certificate reference number: 20150223

Water Availability Certificate status: Not Approved

Other Requirements

Owners of residential property occupied by a tenant who will be displaced by housing demolition, substantial rehabilitation, change of use, or removal of use restrictions may need to obtain a Tenant Relocation License. Refer to DPD Tip 123, Seattle's Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance, for further information and instructions or call (206) 684-7979.

If your project involves additions or modification to or demolition of an existing building that contains four or more dwelling units or 4,000 square feet or more of non-residential area, and the building is a designated historic landmark or is 50 years old and meets the criteria set forth in SMC 25.12 for landmark designation, SEPA is required. Please contact the Department of Neighborhoods at (206) 684-0228 or www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation to determine if your building is a designated landmark or if a referral is necessary to determine if the building meets the criteria in SMC 25.12. Refer to Tip 208 for information regarding the application requirements for a SEPA review and Tip 3000 for information regarding landmarks and historic preservation.

If the scope of your proposed project changes before your DPD intake appointment or SDOT street improvement plan application, the requirements in this report may change. If there are municipal code and ordinance changes before our DPD intake appointment, the project must meet the new code requirements. Additional street improvement requirements may be triggered if a permit application for a development project on adjacent property is also undergoing review.

Please be aware that all persons or companies working within the City limits, including all contractors, subcontractors, permit expeditors and other service providers are required to possess a valid City of Seattle business license. This license is required in addition to any other licenses required by the State of Washington, such as a contractors' license or state business license. For more information about City of Seattle business licenses, please contact inspector Michale Crooks at 206-684-8871, Michale.Crooks@seattle.gov, or visit the [Licensing and Tax Administration Division website](#).